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## **NASA Subcontracting Official and Corporation Pleads Guilty**

On September 29, 1999, MET-CON, Inc., Cocoa, FL, and its President, Billy E. Sheffield, each pled guilty to a one count information for submitting a false and fraudulent claim to NASA in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 287. MET-CON and Sheffield entered the pleas in U.S. District Court, Middle District of FL, Orlando, FL.

Sheffield admitted that he, with the assistance of a Lockheed Martin Services (Lockheed) procurement supervisor, submitted a false claim to NASA inflated by \$16,000. The claim related to the termination of the NASA Advanced Solid Rocket Motor Program. The inflated amount was subsequently paid to the procurement supervisor.

This investigation was conducted by Special Agents of the NASA Office of Inspector General, the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, and the Air Force Office of Special Investigations. The prosecution was handled by William Bryan, Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of Florida, Orlando Division.

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